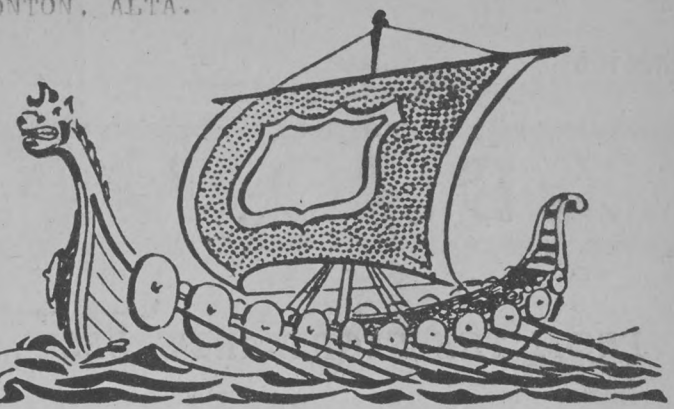




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Bon Voyage Party Held for 200 Guests

Sons Of Norway Hold Hawaiian And Initiation Night

There were 8 new members initiated and entertained in Hawaiian style on Friday, May 28th in the Viking Room. They were Mr. and Mrs. L. Verkland, Mr. and Mrs. K. Jordet, Mr. and Mrs. P. Myrnes, Mr. E. Sandstrom, and Mr. J. Iversen.

The decorations were so profuse and colorful it was almost like stepping off a magic carpet right into Hawaii. Thanks for this goes to Lydia Naversteth and Joe Lineham. The gentlemen came dressed in bright shirts and many of the ladies wore colorful mumuus and orchids. The orchids and decorations were given to the Lodge

courtesy of Bob Neville, of Westmount Travel Agency.

Mr. Olaf Sveen with his 3 piece orchestra played the evenings dance music. Donna Martinson gave an excellent version of a Hawaiian dance. Several dances which might be called coco-nut dances created a great deal of amusement. Mr. Joe Lineham was the dance caller.

Mr. Larsen served refreshments. Ruth Logan accepted tickets at the door with Arlene Amdam and Bonnie Loughlin giving out corsages. A delicious lunch was served with Maisie Amdam as hostess.

Senior Members Coffee Party Held Sunday, June 13th

It was a beautiful day, Sunday, June 13th for the Senior Members who attended the coffee party held in their honor, in the Viking Room. This was the first occasion the "Sons of Norway Pioneers" in Edmonton met in their Scandinavian Centre as a group. Some had served as Officers and all had worked hard through the years for this one goal, a place of their own which they were now enjoying.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Algot, Mr. and Mrs. E. Loveseth, Mr. K. Storheim, Mr. R. Larson, Mrs. A. Herstad, Mrs. C. Hafstad, Mrs. A. Arntzen, Mrs. M. MacDonald and Mr. and Mrs. J. Faltinson. Many of these had just recently enjoyed celebrating their 80th birthday.

Mrs. Halvor Johnson was unable to attend as she was hospitalized and Mr. and Mrs. S. Halberg also were absent due to Mrs. Halberg's illness. Mrs. Emma Bredsen, mother of Ella Coburn; Mrs. Bertha Sorenson, mother of Sig. Sorenson and parents of Mr. K. Svidal were also among the guests.

The president of the Lodge, Mr. E. Halberg welcomed the guests and presented Life Member pins to Mr. and Mrs. E. Loveseth and a past-president pin to Mr. Loveseth.

The program opened with the singing of O'Canada, followed by two songs sung by the "Sweet Adelines". Ken Storheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Knut Storheim, played a piano solo. Joe Lineham sang "The Sailors Dream" in English and Norwegian. A reading was given by Mrs. Skuggedal. The "Sweet Adelines" sang two more selections and group singing was led by Mrs. Sivertsen and Joe Lineham with Mrs. Lubbers at the piano.

The group of ladies known as the Sweet Adelines were: Denise Koenan, Lill May, Flo Farley, Kae Jackson, Avril Glen and Betty Travis. The ladies in costume who served the guests were: Kristi Raa, Marie Wiig, Anne Bingen, Inger Karin Luud, Margrethe Larson and Arlene Amdam.

The coffee table was beautifully set with lace, tapers and lilacs. Serving at the silver coffee urn were Mrs. Faltinson, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Herstad, Mrs. Algot, Mrs. McRobert and Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Logan was dining room hostess. Mrs. Lineham and Mrs. MacDonald attended the guest book. Serving in the kitchen were Maisie Amdam, Mary Gulbrandson, Lydia Naversteth, Unna Skuggedal and Ella Searl. The coffee party was convened by Mrs. R. Sivertsen.

Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen Dead

Major General Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen, famed Norwegian pioneer in polar and civil aviation, chief of Norway's wartime Air Force, and a dedicated worker for peace, died June 3. He was almost 75.

Riiser-Larsen's distinguished career included the following highlights: Graduated from the first class of the Navy's Aviation School (1915); second in command on the Amundsen-Ellsworth polar aviation expedition (1925); navigator on the Amundsen - Ellsworth - Nobile flight across the North Pole in the "Norge" (1926); leader of the Boyd expedition to search for Roald Amundsen (1928); leader of the "Norvegia" expedition to Antarctica

(1929-31); his own expedition to Antarctica (1933); director DNL — Norwegian Aviation Company (1933-40).

During World War II, Riiser-Larsen became the first head of "Little Norway," the Norwegian Air Force training camp near Toronto. Named chief of the Air Force Joint Command in 1941, he later served as Chief of the Air Force (1944-46). After the war he was head of Scandinavian Airlines System's planning department and managing director of SAS Region Norway (1948-55). Dedicated to the promotion of peace, he was president of the international "One World" movement for seven years.

Sweden's Supreme Commander Presents New Defense Plan

STOCKHOLM — A new plan for Sweden's national defense was recently submitted to the government by the supreme commander of the armed forces, General Torsten Rapp. The plan outlines a military establishment costing 4,665 million kronor (around \$900 million) in 1967-68 and then requiring an annual increase of 3.5 per cent to cover technological development. Over a four-year period beginning July 1, 1967, this would mean an average annual increase of \$40 million in the nation's military budget.

The report stresses that the chief aim of Sweden's defense is to maintain peace. The country must be so strong that the sacrifices necessary to conquer it would be disproportionate to whatever strategic advantages any aggressor might gain. Should Sweden be attacked, the chief task of the armed forces would be to prevent invading forces from gaining a firm foothold on Swedish soil.

General Rapp presented three alternatives of varying cost. His own proposal is the highest. The other two call for expenditures of 4,426 million kronor. They will now be examined by the Committee on National Defense, which includes representatives from the four major political parties.

According to Mr. Rapp's proposal the military forces would be increased both in quality and quantity. It asks for the building of

new, more modern submarine chasers to replace existant vessels. An air transportation organization will be built up to increase mobility and preparedness and to facilitate Swedish contributions to UN peace-keeping operations.

The supreme commander also suggested measures to maintain actual freedom of action in regard to production of nuclear arms. He did not advocate a decision on Swedish nuclear arms now, but he called for design work and planning. This would cut the time needed for production of atomic weapons from seven to four years if a decision were made to supply the Swedish armed forces with these weapons, General Rapp said.

The question of procuring tactical atomic weapons has been left open by the government and the parliament. Research in the military nuclear field, which is at present being conducted at the Research Institute of National Defense, deals solely with defenses against nuclear attack.

Sweden's Prime Minister Tage Erlander recently told the Riksdag he did not share the view that Sweden should accelerate nuclear weapons research for a possible adoption of such weapons. He said protective research runs parallel to construction research and that special research needed for the design of weapons could very well be done during the building of installations necessary for their production.

Two hundred people assembled in the Viking Room to celebrate the departure of Flight No. 12 to Copenhagen on June 26th and Flight No. 13 to Oslo on June 29th. Passengers and their guests were received in the lobby by Vera Nielsen, Linnea Lodge and Elsie Comin.

Mrs. Linnea Lodge acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and introduced Mr. Rod Worrall and Mr. Art Gauthier of Wardair and Mr. Boris Onisko from Canadian Pacific Airlines. Mr. Worrall showed a very interesting Travelogue, which was enjoyed very much by all and very helpful and reassuring to persons who had not flown before. After the films the Airline representatives were kind enough to make themselves available for the passengers who had problems or questions regarding the flights. Flight bags were handed out.

Mrs. Lil Taylor and Mr. Carl Elgstrand provided the music and the guests enjoyed dancing. Further entertainment was supplied by Eileen Dodd's School of Dancing. The baton twirling and fire dance were very well received, as well as the tap dancing and the ballet.

A very delicious lunch was served, catered by the Vasa Ladies.

Vera Nielsen, who were in charge Mrs. Linnea Lodge and Mrs. did a very fine job, and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

News In Brief . . .

Lord Chalfont, British Minister for Disarmament, visited Oslo June 3-4 for talks with Foreign Minister Lange and Defense Minister Harlem.

Edward Charles Redhead, British Minister of External Trade, visited Oslo June 7-9, for a series of talks on Anglo-Norwegian trade relations.

Norwegian Ambassador Hans Engen delivered the Commencement Address at Wisconsin State University, Platteville, Wisconsin, June 5.

Rt. Rev. Karl Martinussen, Bishop of Stavanger 1949-1960 and author of many religious tracts, essays and poems, has died at the age of 75.

...EDITORIAL...

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...

BY MRS. LINNEA LODGE

THE RENTAL PROBLEM...

During the summer months the renting policy for the ethnic groups for the fall season must be worked out. At present, your President I. E. (Don) Johnson is working with a committee of Director P. N. Jorgensen and the Chairman from each of these groups. The Icelandic and Finnish Societies are the two minority groups. These two groups have not been able to use the facilities at the Centre to the same extent as the other three groups due to adverse financial rental arrangements for the rooms on the lower floor. During the past year the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish groups have guaranteed an annual rental fee. This annual fee is beyond the financial capacity of the two smaller groups. These fees are paid for functions held in these rooms such as lodge meetings, cultural activities, etc. These fees generally do not cover social functions where admissions are charged or other functions not directly sponsored by the Lodge or Society. The situation is further complicated by the fact that there are only two rooms available to five groups. Each group should be adequately represented both from a standpoint of financial responsibility as well as benefits derived from the Centre.

The solution is not easily attained but whatever the formula, it must be satisfactory to all the groups or the Centre will be a failure. All the groups are essential to the future plans of the Centre.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET JUNE 8, 1965...

- Thirty-seven share applications approved.
- K. Svidal will design the Klondike Days Float.
- Ove Klostergaard, caretaker is no longer at the Centre.
- Old Time Dances have been discontinued for the summer months. These will start again in the fall.

BON VOYAGE PARTY — JUNE 15, 1965...

Passengers of the Oslo and Copenhagen Summer Flights enjoyed an informal evening at the Centre. Many of their friends were present to share this evening with them. For some it was the first time to see the Centre and all seemed to approve of the building. The more new people visit the Centre the more advertising is obtained.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC...

Several months ago the Board of Directors agreed that the Centre should be a part of such a community project. Under the direction of Dr. C. G. Geggie plans have been laid for a clinic to be held at the Centre on December 7, 1965 between the hours of seven and nine in the evening. It is urgent that new donors be found although present donors might find it more convenient to appear at this clinic. In the Province of Alberta no blood has been bought or sold since 1947 and certainly no blood is wasted. 125 bottles a day or 800 bottles a week are required for the Northern Alberta area so it is understandable that the blood supply must be kept up. During the coming months you will be called on to sign your card so do think about this project with real concern.

ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN DAY, JULY 25, 1965...

This year's picnic at Elk Island Park is being handled by S. Arnfinson who seems to have all kinds of interesting ideas for those planning to attend. People from all over Northern Alberta usually come to partake of the competitive sports and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment from the bandshell. A trophy is being offered for the Horseshoe Tournament so now the fellows will find out who really is the best.

BIRTHDAYS...

On June 21, 1965 many will celebrate the anniversary of the Centre and we will be glad that so much has been accomplished during the past year. At this time it will be remembered that so very many persons have worked very hard that all this could be.

On July 1, 1965 Canada will have her birthday and will again celebrate. As we hear of more Centennial Projects being planned it does remind us that our Canada came into existence on July 1, 1867, when the British North America Act went into effect. Scandinavians will be proud to celebrate both of these birthdays.

Augustana Lutheran Announces Summer Program

Each summer, Augustana Lutheran Church has been offering an opportunity for people who are out of town on the week ends to worship. This year, services will be held each Wednesday evening of July and August at 8 p.m. It has also been planned that Pastor Linquist will lead informal services of worship at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. These services will be held at the Vasa Lodge Park on Pigeon Lake. People who spend their summer week ends in that area are welcome.

Sunray Juniors Hold Banquet

Junior Director Knut Svidal put on a banquet and dance for the Junior Lodge members and friends at the Scandinavian Centre on May 13th, 1965.

Mrs. Sivertsen was in charge of the catering assisted by Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Taarnes, Mrs. Lineham, Mrs. Naversteth and Mrs. Amdam.

Following the banquet, Mrs. Amdam and Doug McInnes the Junior Lodge President presented the Junior bowlers with trophies, etc.

The Shades - captained by Arlene Amdam came out on top, assisted by Barry Martin, Blayne Read and David Oyen. They won 27 games and only lost 12.

Bonnie Laughlin captured the high single for girls with a score of 246. Arlene Amdam took high triple with 572, and high average with 163.

Norman Dick walked away with high single 282, high triple 709, and high average 181.

The balance of the evening was followed up by Teen Dancing. An enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended. Thanks go out to all of those who made it such a success.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

Birthday greetings to Mrs. J. Faltinson who will celebrate her 80th birthday on June 21st.

Birthday greetings to Ragna Sivertsen who celebrates her birthday July 2 and to Ruth Hammarstad who is celebrating hers on July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ness are spending their summer holidays at the West Coast enjoying some fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Oyen had as recent guests Evelyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sankey, from Regina, Saskatchewan.

Orla Tychsen spent a week at Hazlet, her home where she attended the wedding of her nephew in June.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Holten flew to North Surry, B.C. where they spent a weekend visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and family.

Mrs. Ann Halvorson of Dawson Creek, B.C., was a visitor to Edmonton in June staying at the home of Ragna Sivertsen.

A surprise house warming party was held for Cliff and Edythe Johnson on May 29 by the bowling group and they were presented with a cutglass vase for their new home.



VASA GLIMPSES

Mrs. Tekla Nylen was part of a group of Senior Citizens who enjoyed two weeks at Lake Isle.

A good holiday is wished to Vasa members, Bud and Gertie Holmgren, Mary Pearson and Victor Anderson on their Oslo Flight.

Mrs. Nels Wicklund from Vancouver, will arrive in Edmonton for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Linnea Lodge before boarding the Oslo Charter.

Betty and Magnus Pearson hosted a Past Chairman's meeting on Sunday morning June 6th at Vasa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Runcer and daughter Terri have spent a short holiday visiting relatives and friends at Fairview, Alberta.

Miss Fae Johnson threw a surprise party for Carol Engvall to honour her on her 21st birthday. The Club House at Vasa Park was decorated for the occasion and twenty young people danced. A very lovely cake and supper was enjoyed by all. Brian Johnson gave a toast and Carol replied.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lodge have returned from a week's holiday in Montana visiting Great Falls, Missoula, Billings and Glacier National Park.

Despite prevailing weather, there was a good turnout at the annual dinner and picnic sponsored by the Sports Club at Vasa Park, June 6. Tug o'war was won by the Edmonton Lodge. Nailing contest won by Avis Pearson. Horseshoe tournament by Verne Pearson and George Modin. Rolling Pin throw by Sonja Sund. Pillow Fight first prize was Ray Pearson and second Glen Eliason.

Happy to be home after a two month European holiday are Mr. and Mrs. E. Hokanson. Their trip included visits to Italy, France, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and England.

Mr. and Mrs. John Enger spent a week at Major, Saskatchewan and Jasper, Alberta.

On May 30th, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith had their daughter, Tina Lynn, christened at Garneau United Church.

Midsummer In Sweden

Color, music, and dancing are highlights of Midsummer-eve in Sweden.

This annual holiday falls on the eve of June 23 when much of Sweden enjoys 24 hours of daylight. The people look forward to this time and decorate their houses with birch boughs and wild flowers. In the parks a pole which has been covered with birch leaves and wild flowers is erected. Young and old clad in traditional costumes dance around the pole until morning. Delicious coffee breads and pastries are served in abundance.

The beauty of the countryside, and the fun which are part of this custom are never forgotten by any who participate in a Swedish Midsummer.

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FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Mr. V. Rastas would like to thank the Finnish Society for the flowers he received during his recent stay in the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Eight Finnish people left on the first Scandinavian flight in June and we wish them all a most wonderful holiday this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri, Tim and Dick enjoyed a recent holiday to the Mountains, the Okanagan Valley and then a visit to Grand Coulee Dam.

A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. E. Ramo and Heimo who moved to Saskatchewan.

A surprise welcome party was held June 22 for Mrs. E. Heinonen and daughter Raija who recently came from Finland to make their new home here in Edmonton.

Buy That Share Now

Present Boom In Sweden's Economy Continues But Problems Seen Ahead

STOCKHOLM — For the short term, a continuation of the present boom — which is proving even more vigorous than previously expected — and, for the longer range future, a somewhat more gloomy outlook.

In brief, these were the main points contained in Swedish Finance Minister Gunnar Strang's supplement to the state budget for fiscal 1965-66 (originally submitted to the Riksdag last January). In addition to revised estimates for Sweden's economic performance this year, Mr. Strang also spelled out the probable economic development over the next five years.

The present economic situation is so encouraging that previous projections of gains in 1965 have been nudged slightly upward. Gross national product for the year is now estimated at \$19.1 billion, up 4.5 per cent from 1964. Coming on top of a fat 6.5 per cent increase last year (the largest such gain since the Second World War), it is evidence of an exceptionally strong economy.

However, considerable variation among various sectors of the economy is foreseen. A larger gain will be registered by investment, while private consumption expenditures will show a less vigorous rise. This in line with the government's feeling that capital spending by business — which has been on a plateau for the past several years — should be spurred in order to provide a basis for future prosperity. Thus the budget shows total private gross investment up 7 per cent from last year, and a jump of 9 per cent is projected in business capital spending. Private consumption, on the other hand, is aiming for a more modest increase of but 3 per cent.

The picture is not all rosy, however. A continuing deficit is foreseen (about \$135 million in the 1965-66 fiscal year, up from around \$95 million in the current year.), which can be expected to put further stress on an economy that is already under considerable strain. Money is already extremely tight, but the capital market will doubtless come under additional pressure as government borrowing requirements are felt. This pressure will also be compounded by business demands for funds; new stock issues during the first quarter of this year came to about \$80 million, up from around \$50 million in the year earlier period, and it is estimated that the total for the year may be nearly double that of 1964.

One result of these stresses, within the red-hot economy is a considerable inflationary push. In the month of March alone, the consumer price index hopped up more than a point (from 185.11 to 186.39) and the official forecast for the full year is now for a price climb of about 3.5 per cent. This calculation is without considering the impact of the hike in the general sales tax from 6 per cent to 10

per cent which will take effect in July.

But even with inflation, the prognosis is that the average Swede will thus be slightly better off at the end of 1965 than he was at the beginning: real disposable income is estimated to inch up by 2.5 per cent.

Along with these updated estimates of the immediate future, a long-term forecast of the economy was published. This forecast, which covers the period through fiscal 1969-70, is not a definitive government "plan," but is merely an attempt to sketch in the broad outlines of the future of the economy.

The outlook is not especially encouraging: slower growth, more pressures on the economy, more need for funds, and bigger deficits. The disturbing character of the forecast stems in great part from Sweden's impatient ambition to raise its standard of living as rapidly as possible. Projected demands for a better life outstrip the country's present resources.

The government is already aiming for, among other things, more thorough health insurance, universal dental care, higher benefits for families with children, and an expanded educational system. The higher expenses connected with these programs (to say nothing of others which may be proposed later) by far outrun expected increases in state revenue and some additional sources of funds will presumably have to be unearthed. The long-term plan notes that future juggling of the tax load in the direction of more indirect taxes and away from direct taxes (which has been the trend for the past several years in Sweden) will not do the job. It is also bluntly stated that one can fairly well discount the possibility of any tax reduction in the foreseeable future.

But a shortage of money is only part of the story. There is also a shortage of people. It is estimated that the labor force will remain about unchanged from now until the end of the 1970's, while it has been growing by about one per cent annually during the past five years. In great part because of this static labor force, economic growth is slated for a slowdown in growth in gross national product from about 4 per cent during the past few years to about 3 per cent in the next few.

Furthermore, it is estimated that an additional 12,000 teachers for elementary and secondary schools will have to be found in the next five years, unless methods can be found to increase the per-teacher "productivity." Shortages of people in other specialized areas are also envisaged.

It is emphasized that the forecast is of necessity only a rough projection and that unforeseen developments could change things considerably.

ICELANDIC NOTES

Dr. B. N. Arnason of Regina, Saskatchewan, is in Switzerland as advisor to the Canadian delegation at the International Labor Conference, June 2 - 24. There will be 110 member countries represented with approximately 1,000 delegates and technical personnel. The main subject will be the role of co-operatives in economics and social life of developing countries. Mrs. Arnason will accompany her husband and following the conference they will take an extended tour to include Nice, Florence, Rome, Innsbruck and Vienna. Their daughter Elaine, will be married June 18th in Toronto to Mr. George Rutherford.

Miss Donna Rae Valgardson has received Honors in Grade XI at Strathcona Composite High School. She received her honors pin at graduation ceremonies. Donna Rae is the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valgardson.

Mrs. Lucille Oddson has kindly consented to take on the responsibility of social convener as Mrs. Muriel Isfeld had to resign because of illness.

Mrs. Elroy Robertson has returned from Vancouver where she attended her mother, Mrs. Helga Paulson of Cloverdale, B.C., during her final illness before passing away May 22. The Icelandic Society extends sympathy to the family, Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain, Portland, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Steinson, Cloverdale, B.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Robertson of Edmonton.

Miss Shirley Thorsteinson, A.R.T., has qualified for advanced registration in medical laboratory technology. The examination was set by the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists and Shirley's subject was bacteriology. Our congratulations, Shirley.

Birthdays

"We are weaving character every day and the way to weave the best character is to be kind and to be useful."

The members of the Icelandic Society send birthday greetings to life members: Mrs. Margaret S. S. Smith, July 9th; Mr. Henry Sumaridason, July 1st and Mr. Gisli O. Gislason, July 15th.

Mr. Ledger, Senior, of Vancouver is visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fjeldsted have moved to Grand Prairie where Jim is going into business with his father-in-law.

Miss Norma Gudmundson, the daughter of Mrs. Carl Gudmundson, and the late Mr. Gudmundson, was married to Mr. Robert Walker in Chalmers United Church on June 12th.

Miss Billie Mae Palsson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Palsson of Cowichan Lake on Vancouver Island, was voted the most promising student teacher at a recent conference in British Columbia. Billie Mae is the niece of Mrs. Pauline Mitchell of Edmonton.

3-Minute Limit On Auto-Idling Proposed In Stockholm Anti-Air-Pollution Drive

STOCKHOLM — Idling gasoline-powered, automotive engines give off two or three times as much poisonous monoxide as they do during normal driving. This observation recently brought about a proposal by Stockholm's Committee for Prevention of Air Pollution to limit the idling or warming-up of car motors to three minutes. Furthermore, a driver would be prohibited from leaving his car with the engine running, according to the committee's recommendation.

In the future it might be necessary to prescribe exhaust burners for gasoline driven vehicles in Stockholm, the committee said. It also recommended measures to facilitate the flow of traffic in the city, especially in some of the narrow streets where traffic snarls have been shown to increase air pollution.

In another effort to fight air pollution, Dr. Erik Eriksson of the International Meteorological Institute in Stockholm recently suggested establishing, during a ten-year period, thirty fixed stations in Sweden to measure sulphur dioxide and soot in the air and the corrosion-forming substances in precipitation. The permanent stations would be complemented by three mobile ones.

Regular Meeting Of Vasa Lodge Skandia Held

The regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 519 was held at the New Skandia Inn, Vasa Park, June 5th, 1965. This was the first meeting in our new spacious Club House which was constructed under the direction of The Land Committee. Voluntary donations and labor have made it possible but a great deal of labour and found money are required to complete this building. Any member who wishes to contribute to the new Club House, financially or with labor, please contact any member of the Land Committee.

Visitors from Buford Lodge No. 577 were welcomed to our meeting. They were District Culture Leader Floyd Modin, Ellen and L. Pearson, and Mr. and Mrs. Algot Pearson.

Those reported sick were John Jarrett, Gust Lundgren, Hank Wiberg. It was good to see John Ogren at our meeting even though he arrived on crutches. Anna Johnson is still under doctor's care and we notice Evelyn Modin is limping but hope she'll soon be well.

The Lodge extended heartfelt sympathy to Knut Engstrom on the loss of his wife, Helen, also to their daughter Eleanor and two sons Ron and Douglas. The Charter was draped in her honour.

The Club House has been made available to Pastor Linquist and his congregation for sometime during July or August.

Vasa Ladies catered to a Flight Party, June 15th, 1965.

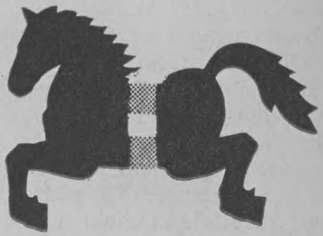
A delicious lunch was served by Clara Modin, Sharon Winquist, Davida Ogren and Violet Watson.

A good lively crowd attended the dance following the meeting, our sincere thanks to the Checkmates for their music.

Mrs. Theo Halldorsson of Winnipeg stopped for a three week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halldorson on her way to California.

Mrs. Saline Stewart of Vancouver recently visited with her cousins Mrs. Pauline Mitchell. During her visit she had the opportunity to renew many old friendships.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nicholson of Winnipeg visited Mr. Gisli Gislason and Mrs. Gislason who is convalescing in the hospital.



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

BUFORD BY-LINES

The May meeting of Buford Vasa members was very well attended in spite of the busy season for the farmers.

A letter from Skandia re: Children's Week was read. Floyd volunteered to take a count of the children wishing to attend and report to the Camp Co-ordinator of Skandia.

Clair Pearson and Robert Pearson were elected delegates to the District Convention in Wetaskiwin.

The members voted unanimously in favor of celebrating Midsummer's with a wiener roast and social evening in Markstedts yard on the 25th of June. They also decided to invite Nordstjarnan Lodge members for the evening.

Robert Pearson suggested that the Lodge order some "Vasa Decals" to be displayed in home or car windows. These cost 50 cents each. Would anyone wishing to obtain one please get in touch with the esecretary and leave your order.

Would the Hamilton family please accept our sympathy on the death of their mother, Mrs. Hamilton Sr. left on an extended holiday to the

Tillie and Emil Kvarnberg have Eastern States to visit many friends and relatives. From there they will travel south and then west to the coast before returning home through Banff.

Congratulations go out to two of our members who have recently graduated from Calmar High School, namely Carol Pearson and Alda Markstedt. We wish you the very best girls. Also to be congratulated is Marsha Forsberg who has recently graduated from Nurses' Aid Training School.

Many Buford members attended the dance at Skandia Inn on the 5th of June and picnic on the 6th. Everyone reported a very enjoyable time in spite of the cool damp weather. Avis Pearson was lucky enough to come home with a hammer, her prize for the nail pounding contest.

Emigrant Rallies Held In Norway

The Norsemen's Federation — NF — is sponsoring a series of Emigrant Rallies in Norway, from June 4 through July 4. The initial event was a church concert in Oslo presented by Minnesota's famous Augsburg College Choir. Hailed by critics for its "superb" performances, the 63-member ensemble is giving 18 concerts in Norway under NF auspices.

The largest of the annual reunions between Norwegians at home and abroad will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Cleng Peerson who organized the first emigration from Norway to U.S.A. In 1825, the 53 adults and children arrived in New York on the 38-ton sloop "Restauration."

A monument of Cleng Peerson will be unveiled in connection with a 2-day Emigrant Rally, June 19-20, at Haugesund and nearby Tysvaer. The monument stands near the Tysvaer farm where he was born. U.S. Ambassador Miss Margaret Joy Tibbetts and the president of NF, editor-in-chief Torolv Kandahl, will speak at the ceremony. Augsburg College president Oscar A. Anderson and the Augsburg Choir will also play important parts in the program for the rally in south-western Norway.

SAS Starts North Norway Jet Service

North Norway entered the jet age on June 1 when Scandinavian Airlines System inaugurated its special 9-hour Midnight Sun excursions between Oslo and Bodo by Caravelle jet liners. The flight from the Norwegian capital, across the Arctic Circle, to the North Norway airport took 1 hour and 40 minutes. Later this summer, SAS hopes to introduce DC-8's on the Oslo-Bodo route. SAS passenger traffic between South and North Norway has expanded rapidly from fewer than 23,000 a decade ago to an estimated total of some 235,000 this year.

Meanwhile, SAS has a new flagship on its trans-Atlantic service. During the summer, SAS offers 40 flights a week from U.S.A. and Canada to Denmark, Norway and Sweden, as well as Scotland and Germany. The new "Folke Viking," a DC-8-55, is equipped with efficient Pratt & Whitney fan jet engines that reduce fuel consumption by about 20 per cent. At the same time, SAS has signed a contract with Douglas Aircraft Corporation for delivery of four DC-8-62's. The purchase price, amounting to some 230 million Norwegian kroner, will be paid out of SAS's current earnings. In the 1963-64 operating year, SAS showed a net profit of nearly 100 million. Later, SAS plans to order four more DC-8's.

Fishing Fleet Delivered To Kuwait

In a recent ceremony at Bergen, ten fishing vessels built by yards in West Norway were formally turned over to Mr. A. M. Thuwaini, board chairman of Kuwait National Fishing Company, K.S.C. The sizable fishing fleet, manned by a nearly all Norwegian crew, is now on its way to Kuwait.

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Enactment Of People's Pension Shaping Up

The plan for an all-inclusive People's Pension, one of the most significant reforms in Norwegian history, is beginning to shape up. Recently, Parliament's Social Affairs Committee submitted its recommendations on guidelines for the plan, as proposed in a Government report last year. Most points are unanimously endorsed by the Committee. There is a split however, on the size and management of the People's Pension Fund. Labor, aiming at a Fund of some 70 billion kroner by the year 2000, wants loans to be extended primarily through state banks. The four non-socialist parties, refusing to fix the size of the Fund at this time, advocate decentralized administration and participation by private credit institutions. Despite these differences, the main guidelines are likely to be approved and later detailed in a draft law.

Two-Part Benefits

The new scheme, which is based on the present pension plans for old age, disability and survivors, would go into force Jan. 1, 1967. All Norwegians would be covered whether or not they are wage-earners. The starting annual basic pension would be 5,400 kroner for single persons, and 8,100 kroner for married couples. Those earn-

ing up to 42,000 kroner a year would also receive a supplementary pension to match 45 per cent of the average income during their 20 best earning years. The objective is to provide a pension that will correspond to about two-thirds of the income in the best working years. The pension percentage for single persons would range from 128.6% for income of 4,200 kroner a year to 52.1% for the 42,000 kroner maximum. In the case of married couples, the percentage would run from 192.9% for the lowest income to 58.5% for the highest covered by the scheme. Single persons and married couples in the highest bracket would receive annual pensions amounting to 21,870 kroner and 24,570 kroner respectively.

The People's Pension would be built up over a period of 40 years, but with 100% overcompensation for incomes up to 27,000 kroner during the initial 20 years and a steadily decreasing overcompensation the next 20 years. Anyone who is 50 years or younger when the scheme goes into force would thus receive full benefits upon reaching the retirement age of 70. Those over 50 would earn double benefits for each membership year.

Contributions and Administration

The total People's Pension premium, distributed among wage-earners, employers, municipalities and the state, would be raised from 12.5% in 1967 to 19.2% in 1977. Wage-earners would pay 4% of their earnings. The increase would be covered by raising the employer's share from 7% in 1967 to 13.7% in 1977 and the years thereafter. The state and the municipalities would contribute .75 per cent each. The premium for

non-employed would go up from 6% to 11.5%. Farmers and fishermen would pay a direct tax of 4% on income, while the rest of their share would be covered by production taxes.

All parties represented on the Social Affairs Committee agree that implementation of the pension plan will require steadily increasing production and productivity to maintain the gross national product at a high level. A substantial fund must be accumulated to assure the economic basis. Assets at the disposal of the Pension Fund would be used to promote economic growth by extending loans to viable projects in all parts of the country. Housing, industrialization, district development, modernization of agriculture, forestry and fisheries are among the purposes cited in the report.

The Labor majority on the Committee maintains that the aim should be to build up a Pension Fund which about the year 2000 would amount to at least three times the annual cost of the scheme. The total capital would thus be about 70.5 billion kroner. The four non-socialist parties, on the other hand, are jointly opposed to the idea of predetermining the size of the Fund at this stage.

The Labor Party also firmly supports the Government proposals calling for a central Pension Fund, whose board would comprise representatives of the state, municipalities, labor, management, agriculture, small industry, and co-operatives. Loans would be channeled mainly through state banks. The non-socialist minority advocates decentralized administration of the Fund and extension of loans through the existing credit institutions, such as state banks, commercial banks and savings banks.

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New Credit Act

Parliament's Odelstina division has approved proposals for a framework Act on Monetary and Credit Policy by a vote of 50 to 47. Labor and SF — the Socialist People's Party, supported the Government bill. The minority comprised the four non-socialist parties. A proposal from SF to tighten controls received no support from the other parties. The Labor - SF majority voted down several minority motions. One of these proposed that new regulations authorized by the Act should not go into force until they had been considered by Parliament.

Laborite Trond Hegna, who is chairman of the Finance Committee said the Government bill met the need for regulating monetary and credit conditions in a modern society, so as to avoid undue pressure on the national economy. At the same time, the Act would make it feasible to channel credits to high priority tasks, such as home construction, municipal projects and district development.

Conservative Johan Moller Warmedal, speaking for the four non-socialist parties, said the sweeping stand-by authority vested in the Government might sharply curtail the volume of loans available from commercial and savings banks for financing home construction, industry and business. He stressed that the Joint Consultation Board, which includes representatives, of both the Government and the credit institutions, should be used to reach agreement on the economic tools required to control a difficult situation. Also, Parliament should have the final say on all new regulations.

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A rare festivity will be held in Ansgar Lutheran Church on July

18th. As many will know, it is customary for churches in Europe to have a model ship hanging in the church. A model of the Danish training ship "Danmark" has arrived in Edmonton, donated to the Ansgar Lutheran Church by Mrs. A Ahlefeldt and her daughter Miss M. Ahlefeldt, Copenhagen. The official turnover of this gift to the congregation will take place at a special service at 7:30 p.m. followed by a social. Mrs. Ahlefeldt, who at that time will be visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ahlefeldt, Edmonton, will personally give the ship to the congregation and participate in the festivities.

New flags have also been acquired and they will be dedicated for official use in the church at the same time.

Labor Party Elects New National Chairman

The Norwegian Labor Party — DAP, at its recent national convention, unanimously elected 55-year-old Trygve Bratteli as new chairman and 31-year-old Reulf Steen as vice chairman. Prime Minister Einar Gerhardsen, chairman since 1945, declined reelection. Mr. Bratteli, who has served as both Finance Minister and Communications Minister, is now the Labor Party's Parliamentary leader.

Convention Resolutions:

A political manifesto adopted by the convention states that the Parliamentary election next fall offers only two alternatives — either a Labor Government or a non-socialist Government. DAP asks authority from the Norwegian people to govern the country and lead the development into a well organized welfare society with social justice and rich opportunities for all, both at work and at play.

In a statement on foreign policy, the convention pledged continued DAP support to an active peace policy. With UN far from strong enough to insure peace and freedom, Norway must continue its membership in NATO. At the same time, all possibilities for disarmament must be exploited. Norway should especially strive for relaxation and expansion of economic and cultural relations between NATO countries and the Warsaw Treaty countries.

Expressing concern that the Vietnam conflict might lead to a major war, DAP suggests that, to create a better climate for negotiations, bombing of North Vietnam be stopped, while China and North Vietnam cease their infiltration. With reference to USA's unilateral interven-

tion in the Dominican Republic, DAP says: "It must be a basic tenet of international relations that no nation has the right to intervene in other countries."

Liberal Party Views

While DAP met at Oslo, the Liberal Party held its national convention at Trondheim. In a unanimous resolution, the convention cite dhome construction as a main task. During the next Parliament term, the goal should be some 40,000 new dwelling units a year. The Liberal Party called for sweeping reforms to simplify and rationalize the tax system and make it more equitable. Uniform rules should be worked out by an expert committee to stimulate enterprise and to counteract waste as well as uneconomic investments.

Deploring the developments which have weakened UN, the Liberal Party said the primary aim of Norway's foreign policy should be to build the world organization into an effective instrument for peace. In order to achieve this, UN stand-by peace - keeping forces should be increased. Norwegian aid to developing countries should primarily be channeled through UN and its agencies.

The Liberal Party went on record in favor of maintaining Norway's membership in NATO after 1969, provided that the organization still is deemed suitable for preserving peace and protecting Norwegian security. If so indicated, there should be an advisory plebiscite before Parliament makes a final decision on continued membership in NATO. The resolution said the Liberal Party is opposed to admitting dictatorships to NATO.

Sweden's Prospering Metalworking Industry Seeks 100,000 New Workers

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's metalworking industries are in an optimistic and expansive mood according to Professor Ragnar Bentzel of the Swedish Industrial Institute for Economic and Social Research.

A survey, recently presented by Mr. Bentzel, shows that iron and steel, engineering and shipbuilding industries in this country will need 100,000 new workers in the next

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